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POLICE COMMISSION

JACK TESTANI, CHAIRMAN
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ALFRED LIGGINS, SECRETARY
PHILIP DIGENNARO, COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM MURPHY, COMMISSIONER
ALBERT ZAMARY, COMMISSIONER

Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Conference Room
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
7:00PM

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order by Commission Vice Chairman, Anna Henry at 7:05PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence.

Members Present:

Anna Henry, Vice Chairman
Fred Liggins, Commission Secretary
Philip DiGennaro, Commissioner

William Murphy, Commissioner
Jack Testani, Commissioner
Albert Zamary, Commissioner

Also Present:

Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry

Timothy Herbst, 1st Selectman
Brian Casey, Crime Analyst
Officer Robert Coppola

Election of Officers

Vice Chairman, Ann Henry called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Commission. .

MOTION made (Commissioner ZAMARY) to nominate Commissioner Testani as Chairman of the Police Commission 2nd (Commissioner DIGENNARO). No other nominations. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made (Commissioner TESTANI) to nominate Commissioner Anna Henry as Vice Chairman, 2nd (Commissioner LIGGINS) . No other nominations. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made (Commissioner TESTANI) 2nd (Commissioner HENRY) to nominate Commissioner Fred Liggins as Commission Secretary. No other nominations. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment

First Selectman, Timothy Herbst congratulated the newly nominated Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Secretary of the Police Commission. Congratulations also went out to the newly appointed Police Commissioners, Mr. Philip DiGennaro and Mr. Albert Zamary. First Selectman Herbst believes that those serving on the Board of Police Commissioners have the best interest of the Town of Trumbull at heart and he believes they will do just that; their only agenda being ensuring good government, a good Police Department, moving the Town forward and bring honor to the Department, and represent the residents of the Town of Trumbull in a positive light..

The First Selectman is confident that the Commission will cooperate in a collaborative fashion with Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Deputy Chief Harry and all members of the Trumbull Police Department to continue the good working relationship now in force.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Henry thanked Channel 17 for their presence to televise the meeting.

Chairman Testani thanked Chief Kiely for the courtesy demonstrated during his learning process of the Trumbull Police Commission functions. Also, thanks to the Department for its' escort provided to the Trumbull High School football team to participate in the State Championship and for their presence at Trumbull High throughout the season. Congratulations to St. Joseph High School on their victory.

Approval of the November 09, 2010 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2nd (Commissioner HENRY) to ACCEPT the minutes of the November 09, 2010 Police Commission Meeting as written. For Commissioners TESTANI, HENRY, LIGGINS and MURPHY. Two abstentions, Commissioner DIGENNARO and Commissioner ZAMARY. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the 2011 Police Commission Meeting Schedule

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner HENRY) to APPROVE the 2011 Police Commission Meeting Schedule. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence – None

Chief's Report

Commissioner Testani thanked Chief Kiely for his courtesy and patience in assisting him in the learning process of the function of the Police Commission.

Congratulations go out to Lieutenant Thomas Savarese on graduating from the FBI National Academy on December 10, 2010. A premier course in law enforcement, it is designed for Executive Development in leadership. One percent of those in law enforcement, worldwide, attend this academy. Lieutenant Savarese's class consisted of 240 participants, 22 foreign countries and all of our fifty United States.

On December 02, 1020, the United States Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut, presented awards to two Trumbull Police Department Detectives for excellence in performance of their duty in a major drug investigation. The Detectives are active in the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and the Statewide Narcotics Task Force.

Heads up work by Officer Gary Yocher, resulted in the apprehension of two suspects in the break in of vehicles along our southern border. The suspects are two career criminals, one suspect was convicted in the 1980's of manslaughter. This apprehension solves our car break-in situation.

Upon reviewing a video of a suspect in the break in of the Nichols Mobile Station at Nichols Ave. and Hawley Lane, the suspect was apprehended by Officer Joseph Dzurenda after a short foot pursuit. The suspect was identified through the video by facial recognition and the fact he was wearing a pair of red sneakers as seen in the video. Commercial burglaries stopped as a result of this arrest.

Harstan's Jewelry, Westfield Shopping Town, experienced a "smash & grab" in April, 2010. Due to the diligence, persistence and tracking experience of members of the Detective Bureau, the suspect group was tracked to New York. Detective Michael Redgate's unending work with the New York Police Department lead to the FBI taking over the case and will result in a Federal prosecution.

On November 17, 2010 a 20 month old child was swept away by the Pequonnock River. Upon hearing the call for a missing child, all officers responded to the scene. Lieutenant Scott Sikora, former commander of our water rescue team, being nearby headed to the scene and took over the rescue/locate task.

The response from surrounding towns; i.e. Bridgeport Police Department's K9 unit Shelton Police Department's K9 and Scuba personnel, Monroe Police Department's K9 unit, Stratford Police Department's K9 unit, Darien Police Department's K9 unit, Newtown Police Department's USAR, the following fire departments; Bridgeport,

Shelton ,Trumbull Center, Long Hill and Nichols. Also, Trumbull EMS, Connecticut State Police K-9 unit, the FBI and State's Attorney office. The unending dedication to duty and camaraderie demonstrated in their efforts to locate the child speaks volume of their character, compassion and determination.

Thanks to all for putting forth their diligent efforts in this unfortunate incident.

The Trumbull Police Department is the recipient of an \$89,000.00 DUI Grant. Patrols will be in full force over the holiday. We will also be working with the State Police.

Our Fatal Accident Team assisted Bridgeport and Shelton in serious accidents in the past month.

Trumbull ERT assisted Westport Police Department with a barricaded suspect with a shotgun. Also, assistance was given to the Easton & Darien Police Departments with suicidal persons with a gun. All assistance had good results. ERT works with a negotiating team component.

A monthly report for Calls for Assistance and Training and the Detective Bureau was made available to the Board of Commissioners.

Officers are schooled in the installation of car seats. This service is provided to Town of Trumbull residents only. It is free of charge.

After viewing a video of Whitney Ave in its entirety, the existence of a difficult situation in the Rails to Trails vicinity (crosswalk), was discussed. Recommended for this highly travelled road are high visibility signage, blinking lights. The Rails to Trails has risen in volume with its bikers and joggers, walkers etc. Improvement in signage for pedestrians approaching Whitney Ave. is recommended to alert them that they are approaching a highly travelled roadway; i.e. Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop. Inquiries will be made to the DEP & DOT as to the availability of funds, through Grants, to improve this location.

Towing policies have been acquired from the City of Bridgeport, and the Towns of Fairfield and Stratford. We are currently working on acquiring the Town of Monroe's towing policy. Requested information also includes requirements for eligibility. Copies of the three available towing policies were distributed to the Board of Commissioners for their perusal.

Old Business

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) , 2nd (Commissioner LIGGINS) to change the Entry Level Police Officer Minimum Qualifications to read; "60 credits higher education or, 2 years full active military duty or POST certified with 2 years of full time

experience. Eliminate the word “preferred.” ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

Chief Kiely distributed a preliminary budget proposal which will be updated periodically. This proposal does not include raises that were negotiated. Revisions will include justifications.

Three sub-committees have been formed:

Budget Numbers Review Committee – Commissioner Testani, Commissioner Henry and Commissioner Zamar

Traffic Committee – Commissioner Liggins & Commissioner Murphy

Labor Relations Committee – Commissioner DiGennaro & Commissioner Henry

Commissioner Testani commended the Chief and the entire Trumbull Police force for their outstanding performance on the November 17, 2010 tragic incident, the untimely death of toddler Thomas Chisholm. Their efforts and professionalism demonstrated speaks volumes of their character.

In the aftermath of this incident, attempts to improve the safety along the Pequonnock River should be visited.

Adjournment

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner TESTANI) ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:10PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission